(a) whether the Planning Commission propose to increase central investment in industrial areas of Uttar Pradesh during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a). to (c) No, Sir. Central investment proposals are formulated and implemented by the concerned Central Ministries/Departments and Public Sector Undertakings for the country as a whole, keeping national priorities in view.

Privatisation of Instrumentation Ltd., Kota

4523. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privattise the Instrumentation Ltd., Kota, a public sector undertaking which is running in loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when the said public sector undertaking is running in loss and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the factors responsible for the losses are inevitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). At present, there is no proposal to privatise Instrumentation Ltd., Rota(ILK).

(c) and (d) ILK, which commenced commercial production in 1967, has not incurred any operational loss till 1990-91. The operational results of the company for the year 1991-92 will be available only after the closing of the accounts of the year.

"No Industry Districts" in Gujarat

4524. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Gujarat which have been included in the list of "no industry districts";

(b) whether Government propose to set up industrial units in the said districts;

(c) if so, the time by which these industrial units will be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) In Gujarat, Dangs has been declared as No Industry District.

(b) to (d). Industrialisation of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Government wherever possible.

Under the Growth Scheme, Gujarat has been alloteddthree growth centres, the locations of which have been identified at Gandhidham (Kutch District), Palanpur (Banaskantha District) and Vagra (Bharuch District). The selected growth centres would be provided with all basic infrastructure facilities for industrial development. The scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

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Task Force on Coir Industry

4525. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the tesu force set up to study the progress of coir industry; and

(b) the allocation proposed to be made

for the expansion of Coir Industry Board during the 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The Special Task Force on Coir Industry constituted by the Kerala State Planning Board suggest:

(i) Measures for increasing economic availability of husk and fibre;

(ii) Programme for increasing productivity of labour and quality of yarn in spinning sector;

(iii) Measures for making coir cooperative societies more efficient and economically viable;

(iv) Measures for improving the manufacturing sector;

(v) Export promotion and development of internal market; and

(vi) Priority areas for Research and development.

A sum of Rs. 671 Lakh has been proposed under BE 1992-93 (both Plan and Non-Plan) to enable Coir Board to pursuits various activities, Besides a sum of Rs. 100 Lakh has been suggested under Cooperativisation Scheme of Coir Industry for the year 1992-93.

Exploitation of Lignite Resources

4526. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to exploit the lighnite resources at Jayamkondam in Tamil Nadu through a joint sector power generating company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). Central Government have not formulated any scheme for exploitation of lignite deposits at Jayamkondam area in Tamil Nadu. However, Central Government's no objection. in principle. to the exploitation of lignite reserves in Jayamkondam area, outside lease hold area of Neyveli Lignite Corporation, for generation of power by State Government undertaking has been conveyed.

Operation of Coal Dumps

4527. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN THORAT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal dumps being operated for distribution of coal to Industrial Units in the country by Coal India Limited;

(b) the quantity of coal distributed through such dumps for the last three yeas, year-wise;

(c) the coal supplied to each coal dumps-wise against their demand for the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether some more coal dumps are proposed to be established; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not allotting the said coal dumps to applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) the existing number of Stockyards in operation by them are 47. Locations of these Stockyards alongwith coal receipts by each of these Stockyards for the last 3 years, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto December '91), and despatches from individual stockyard during the same period of 3 years are given in attached statement.